

E 186

.3

.D613

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS



00003260720



1895
earliest
date.

SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS,
IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
WAR DEPARTMENT

ORGANIZED MAY 20, 1893.

INCORPORATED NOV. 17, 1893.

Preamble.

Whereas, It is desirable that there should be adequate celebrations commemorative of the events of American Colonial History happening from the settlement of Jamestown, Va., May 13, 1607, to the Battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775:

Therefore, The Society of Colonial Wars has been instituted to perpetuate the memory of those events and of the men who, in military, naval, and civil positions of high trust and responsibility, by their acts or counsel assisted in the establishment, defense and preservation of the American Colonies and were in truth the founders of this Nation. With this end in view it seeks to collect and preserve manuscripts, rolls, relics and records; to provide suitable commemorations or memorials relating to the American Colonial period, and to inspire in its members the fraternal and patriotic spirit of their forefathers; and in the community, respect and reverence for those whose public services made our freedom and unity possible.

Qualifications for Membership.

Any male person above the age of twenty-one years, of good moral character and reputation, shall be eligible to membership in the Society of Colonial Wars in the District of Columbia, who is descended from an ancestor:

(1) Who served as a military, naval or marine officer, or as a soldier, sailor or marine, or as a privateersman, under authority of the Colonies which afterwards formed the United States, or in the forces of Great Britain which participated with those of the said Colonies in any wars in which the said Colonies were engaged, or in which they enrolled men, from the settlement of Jamestown, May 13, 1607, to the battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775; or

(2) Who held office in any of the Colonies between the dates above mentioned, either as

“(a) President, Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Member of the King's Council and County Lieutenant, or Member of the House of Burgesses in the Colony of Virginia.

L 3
II 61

“(b) Governor-General, Governor, Lieutenant or Acting Governor, President, Assistant, Member of the Governor's Council, Deputy or Representative in the General Court, in the Colonies of Plymouth, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Haven, Maine, Providence Plantations or Rhode Island, or New Hampshire; as President of the Provincial Congress of Massachusetts, or as one of the Commissioners of the United Colonies of New England.

“(c) Director-General, Vice-Director-General, Governor or Deputy Governor, Member of the Council or the Landtag of the Colony of New Netherlands, or of the Dutch Colony on the Delaware.

“(d) Palatine, Lord Proprietor, Governor, Deputy-Governor, Lieutenant Governor or President, Member of the Council, Member of the Lower House or of Assembly of the Colonies of Maryland or the Carolinas.

“(e) Governor, Lieutenant or Acting Governor, Member of the Council or of the Colonial Assembly in the Colony of New York.

“(f) Lord Proprietor, Governor, Deputy-Governor, Member of the King's Council, Deputy to the Provincial Assembly, in the Provinces of East Jersey, West Jersey or New Jersey.

“(g) Lord Proprietor, Governor, Deputy or Lieutenant Governor, Member of the Provincial Council or Assembly of the Province of Pennsylvania, or Member of the Assembly of the Territories of Delaware.

“(h) Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, President, Vice-President, Member of the Council or of the Provincial Assembly of the Colony of Georgia.

“(i) Governor-General, Captain-General or Lord Lieutenant of the British Colonies in North America.”

Requirements.

All application papers, whether original or supplementary, in order to be acceptable, should conform to the following requirements :

1. The correctness of the pedigree should be proved by full references to authorities, giving title of work, volume and page, and in cases where the reference is to rare volumes, or to manuscripts, certified extracts should commonly accompany the application; and the Membership Committee or the Registrar may at any time require such certified extracts.

2. No cyclopaedias or family histories will be accepted as authority for service or official position of ancestor, but particular reference, giving title, volume and page, must be made to Documentary Records of the various Colonies, Published Archives, Proceedings of Congresses, Conventions, Assemblies and Councils of the united or the several Colonies, or to Historical and Genealogical Works of a general character and of recognized importance and essential accuracy.

Reference for services to unprinted documents, is to be supported by two type-written copies of such documents or the pertinent portions thereof, and by loan of the original documents to the Registrar, when possible, such originals to be returned to the applicant after verification.

3. All applications must be sworn to before a Notary, Commissioner or other proper officer, and be sealed by such officer if he have a seal. Original applications must be signed in approval by two members of the Society.

The above rules are essentially those required by the office of the Registrar General, and all papers already in his office, or that may hereafter be received will be judged by them. Any papers that are found to be defective or inaccurate, will be returned to the applicant for correction.

Initiation Fees and Dues, Etc.

Initiation Fee, ...	\$10.00
(Which must accompany the application.)	
Annual Dues, ...	5.00
Life Membership, ...	75.00
Insignia, Gold, ...	26.00
Insignia, in Silver Gilt, ...	16.00
Rosette, ...	.25
Fee for filing Supplemental Papers so as to conform with the requirements of the office of the Registrar-General, }	.50
“Supplemental” blank forms, per set, ...	
Diplomas, without frame, ...	5.00
Diplomas, with Antique Oak frame, ...	7.75

All remittances to be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. J. William Henry, 1315 F Street.

Application blanks may be obtained from the secretary.

When the applicant derives eligibility of membership by descent from more than one ancestor, and it is desired to take advantage thereof, “Supplemental Application Blanks,” should be obtained, *and in each case made out and filed with the original.*

JOSEPH CUYLER HARDIE,
Secretary.

